(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) Government has shared evidence with Pakistan in the form of seven dossiers on the role of Pakistani nationals in the terrorist attack on Mumbai in November 2008. Pakistan acknowledged and admitted on February 12, 2009 that the terrorist attack was planned and launched from Pakistan. In its dossier of July 11,2009, Pakistan also acknowledged that substantial incriminating evidence had been unearthed which directly connects five accused LeT operatives under Pakistani custody. Two more suspects were arrested later. On November 25, 2009, the Government of Pakistan reportedly filed a charge sheet in an Anti Terrorism Court in Pakistan against the seven suspects and 20 proclaimed offenders for their role in the terrorist attack on Mumbai.

Government has conveyed its concerns and expectations to Pakistan on several occasions, including at the highest level in the meetings of Prime Minister with President and Prime Minister of Pakistan and in the meetings between EAM and Foreign Minister of Pakistan. Pakistan has stated that it will bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack to justice. Government expects Pakistan to act with purpose against the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack as also to unearth the wider conspiracy which motivated, planned and launched the attack.

Security lapse in White House

†3133. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there was a security lapse during the dinner in the White House which was organized in honour of Prime Minister during his visit to America;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has constituted any team to investigate this security lapse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) Government of India is aware that there was a protocol lapse on the occasion of the State dinner hosted by the US President for our Prime Minister during his recent visit to the USA. The Director of the US Secret Service, Mr. Mark Sullivan in his statement before the House Committee on Homeland Security on 2 December 2009 said that "Established protocols and procedures were not followed to allowing two individuals entry into White House on the evening of 24th November 2009. Preliminary findings have determined that established protocol related to entry into the White House was not followed at the initial check point."

(c) and (d) No. Does not arise.

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